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CASE CO/2-22734/MA 2225/PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
DEREK STEWART SMITH
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 03/08754
FILED: AUGUST 7, 2003
FOR: PROCESS FOR RHEOLOGY CHANGES IN
AQUEOUS PIGMENT DISPERSIONS
U.S. APPLICATION NO: TO BE ASSIGNED
35 USC 371 DATE: TO BE ASSIGNED

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.